

# Grenfell Support News

## Job hunters call on The Curve



The Curve held its first ever recruitment fair earlier this month in partnership with The Department for Work and Pensions. Over 140 people came along to check out some job opportunities and kick-start potential new careers.

A total of 26 employers and two educational establishments attended the day, including, the Metropolitan Police, London Fire Brigade, Border Control London and a range of transport companies.

The day was a success with lots of networking and CV swapping taking place. The Curve plan to host more employment and training fairs in the future to continue to support people living in North Kensington in finding a job they can enjoy.

Details of future recruitment fairs and employment opportunities will be featured in this newsletter and on our Twitter feed [www.twitter.com/GrenfellSupport](https://www.twitter.com/GrenfellSupport)

You can find the full list of events and activities taking place each week at The Curve Community Centre on page two of this newsletter.

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### Illuminations and changes to wrapping around Grenfell Tower

Work is underway to replace the temporary banners around the top of Grenfell Tower that have been in place since the one year commemoration in June.

The Government has worked with the bereaved and survivors to ensure that the covering of Grenfell Tower is used sensitively for appropriate remembrance.

As a result, small adjustments are being made to the design that has been in place

since June to ensure that the Tower is not lost against London's skyline, whilst balancing the impact on the local community.

A new feature will include gentle illumination of the banners from dusk, which will fade as the evening progresses and turn off by 11pm. At no point will any areas of Grenfell Tower be exposed while the banners are being replaced, although

residents may see some external scaffolding.

Grenfell Tower will also be illuminated in green on **December 14** to mark 18 months since the tragedy and at future key dates.

If local residents experiences any disruption as a result of these changes, the Site Management Team can be reached on **07920 534378**.

### Advice from DWP on Grenfell payments

Some people who have been directly affected by Grenfell and are claiming benefits have been concerned that any welfare payments received from the Council following the Grenfell tragedy (e.g. food allowance) would reduce existing benefits.

We have raised these concerns with the Department for Work and Pensions, the central government department responsible for benefits. They have assured us that any welfare payments from the Council following Grenfell will not affect any existing benefits.

This is also true of payments made by charities.

If you require further advice on welfare payments or budgeting, speak to Kensington and Chelsea Citizens Advice on **07588 683 500** or visit the centre at **2 Acklam Road, W10 5QZ** from **10am to 12 noon**, Monday to Thursday.

Support is also available at North Kensington Law Centre by calling **020 8969 7473**.

## Activities programme at The Curve Community Centre

### Monday 26 November

- **1pm – 3pm** - Healthy Hearts 10-week course. To sign up, email [olivia.bales@healthyhearts.org.uk](mailto:olivia.bales@healthyhearts.org.uk)
- **2pm – 4pm** - Community Contact Team. Offering drop-in advice, short term support and focused interventions to support those accessing services
- **5pm – 7pm** Homework club for all ages with a qualified tutor (drop-in)
- **6pm – 8pm** - Functional skills in English with NOVA. Contact Chrissy at The Curve to book **020 7221 9836** (required)
- **6.30pm – 7.30pm** - Zumba with Paula for ages 18 plus (drop-in)
- **6.30pm – 7.45pm** - Jambi presents Tribo Samba-Reggae percussion workshop. All abilities welcome (drop-in)

**Crèche: 9.30am-12 noon and 12.30pm-3pm**

### Tuesday 27 November

- **10.30am – 12.30pm** - CV workshop with Jasmine from NOVA. All ages welcome (drop-in)
- **10am – 3pm** - Fouzia's Sewing Club. Drop-in sewing club for all, grow your skills, knit and natter
- **10.30am – 12.30pm** - ESOL/English Award in English Skills. At entry level 1 and 2 from Westway Trust. Accredited course (drop-in)
- **12noon-4.30pm** - Families and Communities Employment Service (FACES). Get support to find a job and manage other difficulties such as housing problems, debt and childcare. Call **020 7641 3336** for more info (drop-in)
- **2pm – 4pm** - Open Age Health and Wellbeing course for ages 50 plus. To book, call Maude on 020 8962 5594
- **4pm – 5pm** - Shared reading group for adults and children. Contact Erin on **07483 972020** or [erincarlstrom@thereader.org.uk](mailto:erincarlstrom@thereader.org.uk) to find out more. Open to all reading abilities
- **5pm – 7pm** - Arabic language classes for ages seven plus (registration is required, email [thecurve@rbkc.gov.uk](mailto:thecurve@rbkc.gov.uk))

**Crèche: 9.30am-11.30am and 12.30pm-3pm**

### Wednesday 28 November

- **10am – 12noon** - The Curve coffee morning. Come along for a coffee and a chat
- **10am – 12noon** - ICT skills with Open Age. For more information and to book call Maude on **020 8962 5594**
- **10am – 12noon** - Circle of Security parenting programme from Total Family Coaching and Parenting. Eight-week relationship-based programme designed to build attachment between parents and children. Contact [info@totalfamilycoaching.co.uk](mailto:info@totalfamilycoaching.co.uk) or call **020 8969 5554** or **07397 871 877**
- **12noon – 2.30pm** - ICT classes for beginners from NOVA. Contact Chrissy, booking required **020 7221 9836**
- **1.15pm – 3.15pm** - Drug and alcohol support session (drop-in)
- **4pm – 7pm** - Girls youth group for ages 13 plus in partnership with Youth Action Alliance. Covering emotional health and wellbeing.
- **6pm – 8pm** - Functional skills in English with NOVA. Contact Chrissy, booking required **020 7221 9836**
- **6pm-7pm** - Free Cuban salsa class for beginners and improvers (drop-in)
- **7pm-8pm** - Free Cuban salsa class for intermediates and advanced (drop-in)

**Crèche: 10am-12.30pm and 1pm-5pm**

### Thursday 29 November

- **10am – 4pm** Clarion Housing Group – Job search sessions open to everyone to help with job applications and CV writing (drop-in)
- **10am-12noon** - Open age presents speak with confidence (drop-in)
- **10am-1pm** - One Digital at The Curve. Learn how to access and enjoy the internet. For all abilities (drop-in)
- **10.30am – 12.30pm** - Job search workshop with Jasmine from NOVA. All ages welcome (drop-in)
- **11.30am-2pm** - Adult creative arts class with J

- **1pm-4pm** - Empower4Success employability programme. For more details or to register your interest, call **07960 235342** or **07943 250388** or email [info@empower4success.org](mailto:info@empower4success.org)
- **2pm – 6pm** - Home Office. Help with immigration and passport issues (drop-in)
- **2pm – 4pm** - One Digital at The Curve. Learn how to access and enjoy the internet. For all abilities (drop-in)
- **5pm – 7pm** - Arabic language classes for ages seven plus (registration is required, email [thecurve@rbkc.gov.uk](mailto:thecurve@rbkc.gov.uk))

**Crèche: 10am-1.30pm and 2pm-3pm**

### Friday 30 November

- **11am – 12noon** - Zumbini, Zumba for children (drop-in)
- **4pm – 4.30pm** - Learn Taekwondo – ages four to six (drop-in)
- **4.30pm – 5.30** - Learn Taekwondo – Ages six to 12 years (drop-in)
- **5.30pm – 6.30** - Learn Taekwondo – Intermediate ages six to 12 (drop-in)
- **6.30pm – 8pm** - Learn Taekwondo – Teens/adults aged 13 and above (drop-in)

**Crèche: 10am-12noon and 12.30pm-5pm**

### Saturday 1 December

- **11am – 1pm** - ICT classes for beginners. Contact Chrissy booking required **020 7221 9836**
- **2pm – 4pm** - Jambi presents Tribo Samba-Reggae percussion workshop. All abilities welcome. (drop-in)
- **2.30pm-3.30pm** - Free Cuban salsa class for beginners and improvers (drop-in)
- **3.30pm-4.30pm** - Free Cuban salsa class for intermediates and advanced (drop-in)

### Sunday 2 December

- **11am-12noon** - Learn Taekwondo. Ages six to 12 (drop-in)
- **12noon-1pm** - Learn Taekwondo. Advanced ages six to 12 (drop-in)
- **1pm-2.30pm** - Learn Taekwondo. Teens/adults ages 13 and above (drop-in)

### Christmas opening times at The Curve

**Friday 21 Dec**  
Open as normal

**Saturday 22 Dec**  
Christmas party

**Sunday 23 Dec to Tuesday 1 Jan**  
Closed

**Wednesday 2 Jan**  
Open as normal

To book a place in The Curve crèche, call **020 7221 9836** or email [thecurve@rbkc.gov.uk](mailto:thecurve@rbkc.gov.uk)

**The Curve Community Centre, 10 Bard Road, London W10 6TP**

**Opening hours** Monday to Friday: 10am to 8pm, Saturday to Sunday: 11am to 6pm. Some sessions need to be booked in advance by emailing [thecurve@rbkc.gov.uk](mailto:thecurve@rbkc.gov.uk). For a full list of events visit [grenfellsupport.org.uk/thecurve/events](http://grenfellsupport.org.uk/thecurve/events)

# North Kensington residents have big ideas

A big thank you goes out to those residents who took the time to drop into our Creating Stronger Communities Ideas Day at Kensington Leisure Centre on **Saturday (17 November)**.

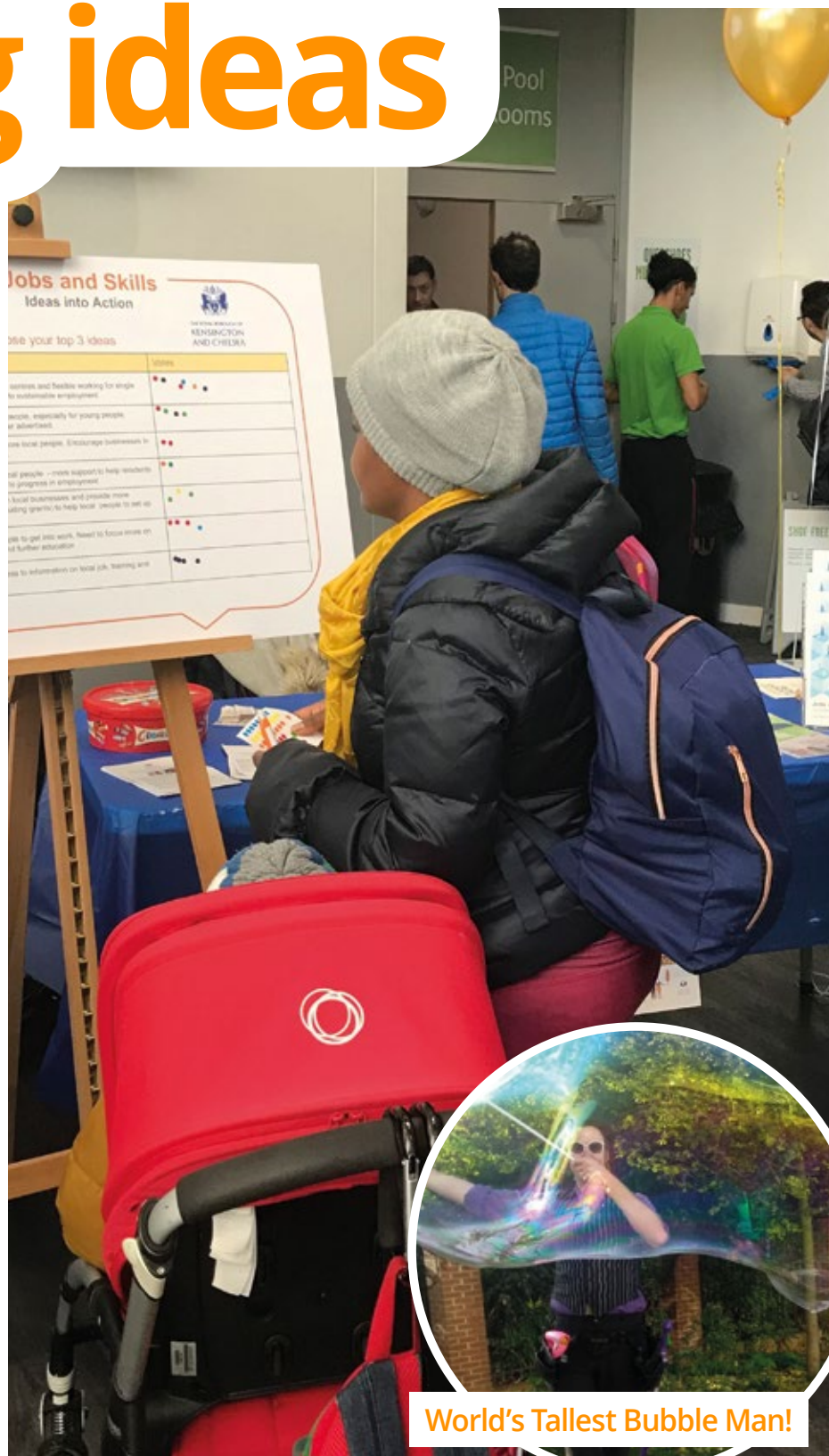
The day was a real success with residents making it clear where they would like our efforts and resources to go to help make their communities in North Kensington even stronger.

For the past couple of months we have held a series of community conversations to gather ideas and suggestions from a number of local groups and organisations. This enabled us to find out what types of things they would like us to invest in to improve the local area.

We knew that our communities in North Kensington were strong and resilient, but we also knew that they had ideas and needed resources, support and opportunities to make them even stronger.

We received around **800** suggestions from our conversations, and the ideas that were most popular among residents were presented at the Ideas Day.

During the day residents were entertained by the World's Tallest Bubble Man, had the chance to enter our art competition, enjoy face painting, visit an exhibition of the history of North Kensington as well grab some light refreshments in between making some important decisions. There were also lots of Council and local teams on hand to speak to residents about services.



World's Tallest Bubble Man!





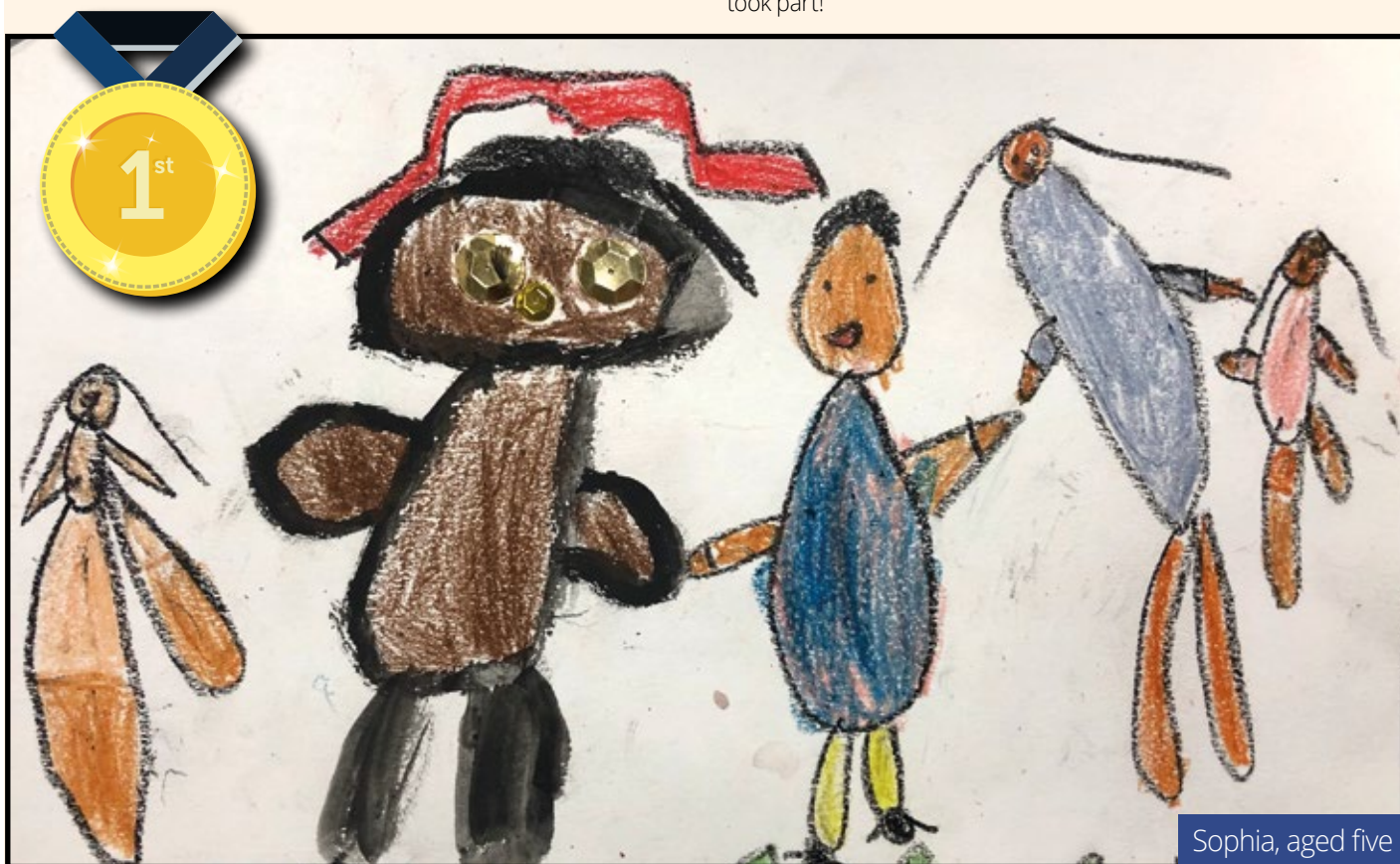
## Creative kids get arty

Children and young people showed off their creative talents at the Ideas Day when they entered our art competition.

The competition asked young people to draw something that reflected how they would like the future of North Kensington to look.

The winner had the opportunity for their drawing to appear on the final Creating Stronger Communities plan. Amazon vouchers and an art set were also up for grabs for the winner and runners up.

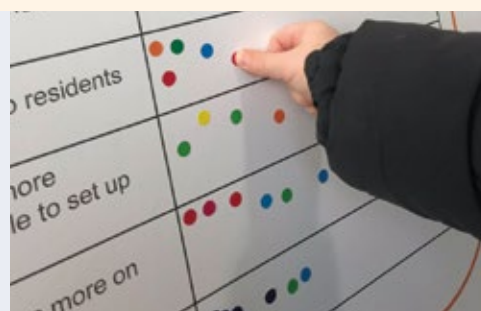
The winning entry to the art competition was produced by Sophia, aged five. Second place was awarded to Sonia, aged six and Emma, aged three, took third place. Well done to everyone who took part!



## Bright ideas for a better future

The community conversations were centred around six themes; Community, Diversity, Health and Wellbeing, Jobs and Skills, Places and Spaces and Young Lives.

At the Ideas Day residents were presented with the most popular seven ideas for each theme as suggested by the community. They were then asked to place coloured dots against those that they wanted to see put into action. There were over 1,340 dots cast in total throughout the day. Other ideas presented on the day have also been captured.



# Top ideas



More affordable sports and fitness activities.

Build more social housing for local people and improve the repair and maintenance of the Council's housing stock.

Need to identify projects and initiatives that bring communities together so that people feel part of something positive - use the talent and skills within the community to do this.

Need more places for young people to hang out which are available during half terms, summer break and weekends that are unstructured.

The Council needs to employ more people from backgrounds that represent the community.

More support for young people to get into work. Need to focus more on pathways to employment and further education.

More affordable childcare provision, nursery, half term activities, holiday clubs and after school clubs.

Protect community buildings and spaces.

Need to improve community safety. Focus needs to be on local residents feeling safe where they live.

All service providers and frontline workers should be trained in equalities and disabilities. Anyone in the Council should understand enough about cultural background and disability to help residents





## So what's next?

We are keen to keep the momentum of Creating Stronger Communities going and we will be working with all Council departments and our partners to develop and deliver a final recovery strategy to be agreed in the new year.

This will set out how the Council, its partners and residents can work together on things that matter most to people in the area. We will be developing action plans which also means residents can track our progress.

We promise to keep you involved so you can help the ideas evolve.



## Be first to find out how we're progressing

You'll be able to see how we're doing by visiting our website [strongercommunities.rbkc.gov.uk](http://strongercommunities.rbkc.gov.uk)

All of the hundreds of ideas have been posted on the website and you can still like your favourites. Please go and take a look if you haven't already. We'll also be posting new articles and other updates so be sure to check back.

## Free design and manufacturing course for young people

Are you a young person aged 16 to 25? Are you interested in the design and manufacture of products? Are you currently not in education, training or employment?

Then this free one-week product design programme could be for you. During the course, based in central London, you will get the chance to:

- Design and make your own unique product using a range of technical methods and state of the art equipment
- Work as a group to plan an exhibition to showcase your products at the end of the week at London's Somerset House
- Participate in workshops such as Graphic Design, 3D Printing, Laser cutting, Woodwork, Computer Aided Design and more
- Meet industry experts and gain an insight into different career routes

- Discover new talents, meet new people and develop new skills

You'll also get your travel and lunch provided throughout the programme and this course will not affect your benefits. Once the training course has ended you'll get three months progression support from the Prince's Trust to help you find work, education or training.

Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity. The course runs from **Monday 3 December to Friday 7 December** and there is a taster day on **Wednesday 28th November**.

To join the course or find out more: Text 'Call me' to **07983 385418** or call for free on **0800 842 842**. For more information visit: [bit.ly/2DArk46](http://bit.ly/2DArk46)



## Kensington schools get gold in newspaper ranking

The Sunday Times newspaper has published their ranking of the top state schools in the country this week, featuring three schools in Kensington in Chelsea in the top 10.

Of these, Thomas Jones Primary School in Notting Dale was ranked third, an amazing result for the school of 235 pupils. People have been offering their congratulations to the school for this huge commendation. The school has risen from eleventh place last year.

The school's Head Teacher, David Sellens OBE, said, "The pupils commit wholeheartedly to the culture that we promote. Their tenacity and aspiration is humbling and the astonishing academic outcomes reflect this".

Topping the list was Kensington and Chelsea's own Christchurch Primary based in the south of the borough. Ranked ninth, Fox Primary School also made the list.

Bevington Primary School, located in Golborne ward, shot up the rankings from last year, rising from number 430 to 11, a further acclamation for education in the borough.



## Dale Youth Boxing Club talks support, guidance and mental health

November is men's mental health month. To acknowledge this, the **OK not to feel OK** campaign paid a visit to the Dale Youth Boxing club at its new home in Bay 20 under the Westway to talk to some of the people who train there about how boxing helps them stay positive.

We had a look around the new state of the art gym which was finished earlier this year by the BBC DIY SOS team. We talked to Head Coach Mick Delaney and some of the amateur boxers there about how boxing helps improve their mental health, giving them focus and purpose in life. One of the boxers, Umar, told us that when he wasn't boxing he was more likely to feel depressed but that boxing made his head feel clear. As well as this, he liked the social side of seeing his mates every week.

Another boxer, Faraz, said that he was in with the wrong crowd until he found

boxing. Just like in regular life, you can have good and bad days in the gym, but Dale Youth provides a great community hub which can improve emotional wellbeing and give the people who train there a shot at success. Producing two world champions, an Olympic champion as well as countless other award-winning competitors, Mick Delaney, who's been training the young people at Dale Youth for 45 years, described the club as 'The Factory of Champions'.

Check out our video to see inside the boxing club and hear more from Mick and the boxers: [youtu.be/3JOrdqzhY1g](https://youtu.be/3JOrdqzhY1g)

If you live in Kensington and Chelsea and are struggling emotionally visit:

[www.oknottofeelok.org](http://www.oknottofeelok.org)

Dale Youth Boxing Club and Bay 20 Community Centre are located under the **Westway at 71 St Mark's Road, W10 6JG**





## Support services on offer

Anyone who would like to speak to the police in relation to the investigation into the Grenfell tragedy is asked to contact the Met Police on **0800 032 4539**.

## Important contacts

### Grenfell Enquiries service

A one-stop-shop for support, advice and guidance around Grenfell. For more information visit [grenfellsupport.org.uk/grenfell-enquiries](http://grenfellsupport.org.uk/grenfell-enquiries) or call **020 7745 6414**.

### Cruse Bereavement Care

Call the Freephone helpline on **0808 808 1677** or email [helpline@cruse.org.uk](mailto:helpline@cruse.org.uk). The helpline is open **Monday-Friday** from **9.30am to 5pm**. Extended hours Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings until **8pm**.

### Replacement UK passports, visas or immigration queries

Call the Home Office advice line on **0300 303 2832**. The line is open 24 hours.

### Air quality and smoke exposure

If you have concerns about any symptoms, see your GP and mention Grenfell. They will be able to direct you appropriately.

### Housing support

If you have any questions about housing or want to find out who your housing officer is please call **0800 137 111** or **020 7361 3008**.

### Victim support

Call **0808 1689 111** for practical and emotional support, or visit [victimsupport.org.uk](http://victimsupport.org.uk). The line is open 24 hours a day.

You can also get emotional and practical support at **The Curve Community Centre**. Call **020 7221 9836**.

See The Curve content programme on page two to find out when the **Community Contact Service** is at The Curve. The service is primarily located within the local community and will provide drop in sessions, ad-hoc short term support and focused interventions to support those accessing any services.

The **Grenfell Health & Wellbeing Service** is a free and confidential NHS service for those affected by Grenfell. Self refer at: [grenfellwellbeing.com](http://grenfellwellbeing.com)

If you need urgent help, contact your GP or visit your local A&E. In an emergency, always call 999.

## Grenfell Tower and Grenfell Walk rehousing progress update

These are the figures for **22 November 2018**



## Grenfell Recovery Scrutiny Committee meeting on Tuesday

The next meeting of the Grenfell Recovery Scrutiny Committee will take place on **Tuesday 27 November** in Kensington Town Hall at **6.30pm**. At this meeting, the committee will discuss Grenfell transition and resourcing, a report from the West London Clinical Commissioning Group on mental health and emotional wellbeing support, rehousing progress and the Committee's action tracker. Members of the community will have the opportunity to speak about the topics raised at the meeting.

Scrutiny is a Councillor-led function within the Council. Its purpose is to hold decision-makers to account on behalf of borough residents and to help develop policies and initiatives that make the borough a better place to live and work.

The agenda for Tuesday's meeting plus all accompanying documents are available on the Council website at: [bit.ly/2TBCdYj](http://bit.ly/2TBCdYj)

The next meeting of this committee after Tuesday will be **Wednesday 6 February 2019**.

If you would like to be emailed when new dates and papers are published for meetings of the Scrutiny Committee, please contact [scrutiny@rbkc.gov.uk](mailto:scrutiny@rbkc.gov.uk)



### Upcoming meetings – Residents welcome to attend.

#### Grenfell Recovery Scrutiny Committee

Tuesday 27 November, 6.30pm, Kensington Town Hall

#### Full Council

Wednesday 5 December, 6.30pm, Kensington Town Hall

## Overnight emotional support

The NHS Outreach Team is providing a targeted clinical service for those who feel that they require overnight support; this includes a dedicated phone-based mental health service throughout the night, with home visits for those who require it.

If you need to talk, anyone can call the night service on **020 8962 4393**, between **10pm** and **7am** seven days a week.